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February 16, 1999. (See for example, provisional application page 1, paragraphs 2-4, and FIG. 1). As such, the present application pre-dates Guidash's filing date of October 26, 1999. Therefore, the rejection of claims 9 – 10 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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